



# The Heritage

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Spring 2018

## KANSAS SUPERSTARS TO SPEAK AT HERITAGE DINNER

Well, the winter got a slow start in fall, but we here in Kansas had some really cold days when winter did come roaring in. Now the Spring 2018 tourist season is just around the corner.

The Museum Fundraiser Heritage Dinner is coming on quickly: Mark your calendar for April 6. It will be held in the Tabor Mennonite Church Fellowship Hall starting at 6:30 p.m., with Keith's Foods catering the meal.

The museum is pleased to announce that our speakers will be Marci Penner and WenDee Rowe. The two will give the presentation "Exploring the Nooks and Crannies of Kansas." They "will take the audience on a fun picture journey throughout the state sharing road trip ideas and telling stories" about their adventures.



Marci Penner is the executive director of the Inman based Kansas Sampler Foundation, and an author, speaker, promoter and supporter of rural Kansas. Marci and her dad founded the Foundation in 1993 after traveling the state to write three guidebooks.

Addressing two main issues that they observed on their early travels, the mission of the Foundation is to preserve and sustain rural culture by educating Kansans about Kansas, networking, and supporting rural communities.

Some of the better known projects are the Kansas Sampler Festival, the Kansas Explorers Club, the Big Rural Brainstorm, the '8 Wonders of Kansas' contests and guidebook, the Power Up Movement, and the 2005 *Kansas Guidebook for Explorers*.

In 2012, Marci and assistant director/co-author WenDee Rowe embarked on a four-year journey to visit every one of the 626 incorporated cities in Kansas. The main result of that journey is their new *Kansas Guidebook 2 for Explorers*. After looking in the nooks and crannies of the state and talking to countless people, Marci and WenDee are fans of Kansas and look forward to sharing some of what they found with you.

Make plans now to attend this wonderful evening that will get you to fall in love with the state you live in.

*Low German phrase* – Waa et niche em Kopp haft, mott et en'e Been habe.

English – Who doesn't have it in the head, must have it in the legs.

Meaning – When walking into a room, one forgets the purpose for going into that room, and you again need to retrace your steps to remember.

### Mennonite Heritage and Agricultural Museum Board Members:

Steve Banman, President; John Janzen, Vice President; Anna Beth Birky, Secretary; Aileen Esau\*, Treasurer; Fern Bartel\*, Museum Director; Howard Birky, Anne Harvey, Michael Jost, Matthew Voth, Nelson Voth, Connie Wiens, and James Wiens. \*Non-voting members

### Upcoming Events:

#### Museum Spring Hours

12:00 pm - 4:00 pm  
Tuesdays through Saturdays

#### Second Monday Family History & Genealogy Group

7 pm, Goessel City Building  
March - Video, *How to Build Historical Context*

April - Darrell and Judy Unruh, Poland trip sharing

#### Museum Heritage Dinner

Friday, April 6, 2018  
"Exploring the Nooks and Crannies of Kansas"  
See Pg 3 for information

#### Art Show

April 2018  
Watch for details on  
goesselmuseum.com  
and on Facebook

#### Remembering Those Who Have Passed Photo Display

May 2018  
See Pg 4 for information

#### 11th Annual Antique Car & Truck Show

Saturday, June 16, 2018

#### Country Threshing Days

August 3 - 5, 2018

## Ditt unt Daut (this and that) from Fern Bartel, Museum Director

These cold days I have been thinking about waffles. Waffles must have been an important food for our Mennonite ancestors, since the museum has several cast iron waffle makers, four in different showcases, three in storage, and one in the Friesen House.



My mother fixed waffles for supper at least once a week or two. She, of course, had the electric version. I remember sitting at the table watching for the little orange light to go out, meaning that maybe the waffle was ready. Carefully she lifted the top of the maker to see that the waffle was not stuck to it, meaning the waffle was done. We consumed them fresh out of the “press.”

To top the waffles, mom made a rather thin sweet white sauce. Later, this sauce was replaced with a rather thin cooked Jello vanilla pudding. Never syrup.

My family only consisted of Dad, Mom, myself and my sister. How did a family of eight or nine contain their hunger while waiting for the waffles to come out of the waffle-iron? Even now I am thinking of the wonderful smell.

The following information is taken from *Mennonite Foods & Folkways from South Russia, Volume 1* by Norma Jost Voth: Every house in Russia had a cast-iron waffle iron in heart-shaped designs. Waffles were large--about 12 inches across. The stovetop had two holes with a number of rings so that the holes were adjustable. The waffle iron fit into the largest hole and fit in such a way that the waffle iron could be flipped without lifting it. It took a lot of time to bake waffles for a large family. To keep the waffles hot and crisp, they were spread out on clean straw. Waffles were served with a sweet white sauce.

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### Recent Events:

*Annual Meeting, Goessel Mennonite Church, January 21:* Rachel Waltner Goossen was the featured speaker. Her topic was “Rural Healthcare on the Great Plains: Nurses’ Training and the Mennonite Deaconess Movement.” About a hundred interested people attended.

*Kansas Days:* A time to celebrate your home state, your hometown! January 23 to 27 were days to visit the Immigrant House for free and try a scavenger hunt for Kansas symbols in the showcases. Additional kids’ activities were held on Saturday the 27<sup>th</sup>. During the following week, teachers Ann Hiebert brought the Goessel 2<sup>nd</sup> graders, Dale Wiens brought the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class, and Tom Krehbiel brought the 4<sup>th</sup> graders to try a variety of activities. The kids brought such a lively energy to the museum.

Fern Bartel, Museum Director, gave a Kansas Day program at Bethesda Home on January 29, which about 25 residents attended. Because Fern worked previously at Bethesda, she enjoyed seeing and visiting with so many friends in the Home.

*Second Monday Family History & Genealogy Group:* In January the group viewed a video giving genealogy suggestions. February’s meeting focused on sharing current projects and gathering ideas for future meetings.

### Waffles

1 ¼ cups flour	2 egg whites, beaten stiff
2 teaspoons baking powder	1 cup milk
2 egg yolks, beaten thick	2/3 teaspoon salt
3-5 tablespoons melted fat	1 tablespoon sugar

**Waffle instructions:** Beat the egg yolks together with the melted fat and stir in milk. Sift together the flour, baking powder, salt, and sugar. Gently fold dry ingredients into the milk mixture. Gently fold beaten egg whites into mixture.

### Waffle sauce

1 2/3 cups milk, scalded	3 tablespoons plus 1 teaspoon flour
1/3 cup cold milk	
1 teaspoon vanilla	1 teaspoon vanilla
6 tablespoons sugar	

**Sauce instructions:** Add ¼ cup of the sugar to the scalded milk. Add flour to the remainder of the sugar and mix well. Add the 1/3 cup cold milk and make a thin, smooth paste. Add slowly to the hot milk, and bring to a boil on moderate heat while stirring constantly to prevent scorching. When thickened, add vanilla and remove from heat. Serve hot over waffles instead of syrup.



Left: A foreign exchange student from Spain is shown looking at a showcase. Below: Ann Hiebert helped with a children’s activity.



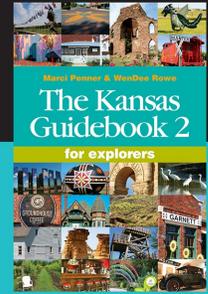


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# 2018 Heritage Dinner

## Tabor Mennonite Church

Friday, April 6, 6:30 p.m.



### SPECIAL PRESENTERS:

**Marci Penner and WenDee Rowe**  
of the Kansas Sampler Foundation  
and co-authors of

*The Kansas Guidebook 2*

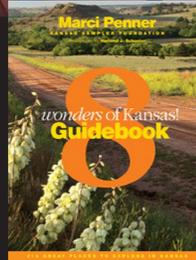
in a program that will take the audience on a fun picture journey throughout the state sharing road trip ideas, and telling stories about our adventures.

**Ticket price: \$50 per person**

**Will you be attending the Heritage Dinner for the first time?**

**Only \$25 per person (Ages 12 and under: \$5)**

Please call the museum at **620-367-8200** or email:  
**mhmuseum@mtelco.net** by Monday, April 2 to reserve your tickets.



This event is a fundraiser for the Mennonite Heritage & Agricultural Museum.

### Become a Museum Member!

It's easy to become a member. Choose a membership level below, fill out the form, and return it with your check payable to MHAM to: Mennonite Heritage & Agricultural Museum, P.O. Box 231, Goessel, KS 67053.

**Individual \$15    Couple \$30    Family \$40** (Includes children and grandchildren age 18 and younger)

Annual memberships run from Jan. 1 - Dec. 31.

Benefits of annual membership

- Unlimited free visits to the museum
- 10% discount on museum store purchases
- One guest pass (two guest passes for couple and family memberships. Not valid for Country Threshing Days)

Life memberships \$500 / person

- Membership fee is added to museum endowment fund
- Unlimited free visits to museum
- 15% discount on museum store purchases
- Five guest passes per year (Not valid for Country Threshing Days)
- No annual membership renewal

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& November:  
Tues - Sat: 12 pm - 4 pm  
Closed Sundays & Mondays  
Open by appointment only  
in January & February  
May - September:  
Tues - Sat: 10 am - 5 pm

*The Heritage*

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**What's New at the Museum?**



Fern Bartel with Schroeder Barn painting

Museum Director Fern Bartel created this 30 x 40 inch original acrylic painting of the Schroeder Barn. Individuals will have opportunities to purchase chances to win the Schroeder Barn work of art from now through Country Threshing Days. Proceeds will go toward the repair and a new coat of paint on the Schroeder Barn.

The painting will be on display in the museum store during open hours and will be also displayed at 2018 spring and summer museum events like the Heritage Dinner on April 6 and the Antique Car and Truck Show on June 16.

Tickets may be purchased one for \$1.00 or six for \$5.00. The winning ticket will be drawn on Country Threshing Days Sunday, August 5, 2018. Need not be present to win.

Local Nathan Ashley has made cutting boards in the shape of Kansas. Cattail Creations, a collection of earrings designed by Fern Bartel, are now for sale--all one of a kind. Have you heard of Steampunk style? Come in and find out about it. Also, come buy original scenes painted by Fern Bartel on bison bones.

**NEW PHOTO EXHIBIT**

May is the month of Memorial Day, when we remember family members and friends who have passed on. Over 30 photos have been collected for a new pictorial display. They pay honor to members of our own Goessel community, along with a few photos from Russia of people with Mennonite names who may not have immigrated.